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## **EPA EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD FOR MASTER METALS CLEANUP PLAN TO APR. 30**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 said today it has extended the comment period on the proposed cleanup plan for lead contamination at the Master Metals Superfund site (Cleveland, OH) through Apr. 30.

The comment period was originally scheduled to close March 31. A public meeting to discuss the cleanup plan was held March 18 at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 West 14th St.

The 4-acre property, in an industrial area at 2850 West 3d St., was home to two secondary lead smelting and lead recycling businesses. From 1933 to 1979, it was operated by NL Industries. The facility was then sold to Master Metals, which continued operations until Aug. 1993--when Ohio EPA ordered its shutdown for numerous environmental, health, and safety violations.

After an EPA site analysis and investigation, a group of 53 responsible parties did a two-phase interim cleanup, which ended in Jan. 1998.

EPA recommends a cleanup plan that includes:

- Excavation of contaminated soil outside the site boundaries, followed by consolidation with on-site contaminated soils;
- Covering the consolidated soils with 2 feet of clean fill and a top layer of vegetation, plus replacement of the excavated soils with clean fill;
- Environmental monitoring for at least 30 years, or until the site reaches targeted cleanup levels; and
- Deed restrictions on future development.

EPA, in cooperation with Ohio EPA and the City of Cleveland, will review the site conditions regularly. Estimated cost of the proposed plan, to be paid for by the responsible parties: \$500,000 to \$550,000.

Written comments on the proposed plan may be sent to: Bri Bill, Community Involvement Coordinator (P-19J), U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604; fax: 312-353-1155; e-mail: bill.briana@epa.gov. A fact sheet explaining the plan and other cleanup options is available from Bill via EPA's toll-free line: 800-621-8431. The fact sheet is also posted on EPA's regional home page: [www.epa.gov/region5/sites/](http://www.epa.gov/region5/sites/).

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